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SUBJECT: MBFR: SPC OCTOBER 3 DISCUSSION OF SECTIONS IV AND V

REF: A. USNATO 4656; B. USNATO 4600

1. DUTCH REP (SIZOO) TABLED PROPOSALS NOTED REFTEL A. TURNING TO QUESTION OF COUNCIL PREROGATIVES AS RELATED TO AD HOC GROUP RESPONSIBILITY FOR TACTICS, SIZOO MADE STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD THAT IN DUTCH VIEW IT IS UP TO CAPITALS INSTEAD OF AD HOC GROUP TO DECIDE WHETHER A PROBLEM WHICH MAY ARISE IN VIENNA IS A POLICY OR TACTICAL MATTER. CAPITALS WILL INSTRUCT DELEGATIONS IN VIENNA AS TO THEIR VIEWS ON THE MATTER IN QUESTION AND THAT IF THIS MATTER CONCERNS POLICY, SUCH A DETERMINATION BY CAPITALS WOULD CAUSE IT TO BE REFERRED BACK TO THE COUNCIL. ON SUBJECT OF WHAT CONSTITUTED "MAJOR MATTERS", SIZOO MADE ESSENTIALLY THE SAME STATEMENT, NOTING THAT CAPITALS WOULD ADVISE DELEGATIONS AS TO WHETHER THE MATTERS IN QUESTION WERE MAJOR OR NOT.

2. BELGIAN REP (WILLOT) SUPPORTED DUTCH PROPOSALS BUT NOTED THAT NEW DUTCH LANGUAGE FOR PARA 63 CONSTITUTED MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE PHRASING IF COUNCIL IS NOT TO BE RELEGATED TO FIGUREHEAD STATUS DURING CONDUCT OF NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENNA. AS TO
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PARA 68 (II), HE PROPOSED (IN ADDITION TO DUTCH SUGGESTIONS) DELETION OF PHRASE "WITH REGARD TO BOTH SUBSTANTIVE OR PROCEDURAL ISSUES") (LINES 5-6). WILLOT ALSO FOUND DIFFICULTY WITH PHRASE "NORMALLY FOR NO MORE THAN A WEEK" (LINES 10-11), AND SUGGESTED

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FOLLOWING SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE: "FOR AS LONG AS NECESSARY BUT PREFERABLY NO MORE THAN A WEEK".

3. DANISH REP (VILLADSEN) NOTED THAT MANY NEGOTIATING PROCEDURES HAD ALREADY BEEN AGREED TO WITH EAST DURING EXPLORATORY TALKS WHICH SHOULD NOT NOW BE REOPENED. IN ORDER TO EMPHASIZE POINT, HE PROPOSED NEW LANGUAGE FOR PARA 56 (INTRODUCTION) WHICH WOULD READ AS FOLLOWS "IT WAS AGREED IN THE PLENARY MEETING OF THE EXPLORATORY TALKS OF MAY 14 THAT THE ARRANGEMENTS ON PARTICIPATION AND CERTAIN PROCEDURAL MATTERS WOULD ALSO BE APPLIED TO THE NEGOTIATIONS PROPER. THIS SECTION DESCRIBES FURTHER .."(PICK UP EXISTING LANGUAGE). IF THIS CHANGE WERE ACCEPTED FIRST SENTENCE IN PARA 58 WOULD FALL AWAY AND TITLE OF PARA WOULD NOW READ "FORMS OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE EAST". DANISH PROPOSAL FOUND FAVOR WITH SEVERAL REPS.

4. REQUEST GUIDANCE FOR OCTOBER 4 SPC MEETING AS TO ACCEPTABILITY OF DUTCH PROPOSALS CONTAINED REFTEL A ALONG WITH BELGIAN AMENDMENTS THERETO, AS WELL AS NEW DANISH LANGUAGE.
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